

VOCABULARY:

Algae – aquatic nonvascular plant-like protists with chlorophyll often masked by a brown or red pigment

Alkalinity - acid- neutralizing capability of water usually due to bicarbonates

Alternately – arranged first on one side and then on the other at different levels or points along an axial line

Axil –the angle between the base of the leaf and the stem

Benthic – living on the ocean floor

Biotic - pertaining to life or living organisms

Brackish – a mixture of fresh and salt water

Drupulet - seed

Epiphytic - living on the surface of a plant

Germination– beginning of the growth cycle

Macrophytes – macroscopic plant life

Perennial – plants that return year after year

Pistillate – containing pistils (seed-bearing organ of a flower)

Propagules- mode of reproduction

Rhizome – lower horizontal stems either prostrate on sediment surface or buried; usually with roots and new shoots at stem nodes and curving upward at the ends

Submersed – underwater

Substrate - mineral or organic material forming the bottom surface of a water body

Tuber – a thickened stem with buds and leaf traces, found underground

Turbidity - refers to the relative clarity of a water body

Turion - tuber

Vegetative - propagation of parts of the parent plant that develop on their own